

SENATE BILL 265

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 4 and Title 40, relative to
marijuana-related drug offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-418(a), is amended by deleting the language "It is an offense" and substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subsection (g), it is an offense".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-418, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(g)

(1) It is an offense for a person to knowingly possess a small amount of marijuana not in excess of one-eighth (1/8) ounce (3.544 grams).

(2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a violation of subdivision (g)(1) is a Class C misdemeanor and shall be punished by only a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-418(c)(1), is amended by deleting the language "Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e)" and substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subsections (d), (e), and (g)".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to offenses occurring on or after that date.